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PREFACE

Our family has proved to be the 'salt of the earth' and deserves to be recorded. Surveyed as a whole, it has a definite homogeneousness which is especially apparent with regard to characteristics, location and outlook on life.

Generally speaking, the members of our family are: simple, honest, moderate, religious (Catholic), tall, well-built, hard-working, German, Wisconsin farmers. The various branches of the family are unusually interwoven. Even the first names of its members have become almost standardized as the repetition of such names as Aloysius, Anthony, Bernard, Francis, Henry, Herman, John, Anna, Barbara, Crescentia, Christine, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Katherine, Mayme, Theresa, and their related forms will warrant.

Iowa County in southwestern Wisconsin is the center of the stage for this genealogy in the U. S., but branches of the family live in Richland, Dane, Milwaukee, Monroe, Marathon and Rusk Counties in Wis. and a few moved to the states of Ill. and Ia.

Most of the ancestors came from Westphalia, a province in western Germany bordering on Holland, and more specifically, from the territory surrounding Reken, a small town on the west bank of a little stream which flows into the Lippe River, a tributary of the Rhine, about half way between Munster and Wesel.

Census, land, baptismal, death and marriage records as well as historic writings have helped to establish dates and facts. Most of the information for the present generation was gathered by questionnaire during the first part of 1940. When available, personal and physical characteristics were noted. For the sake of brevity, the abbreviations: b-born, d-died, m-married, w-weight, e-eyes, h-hair, d i-died in infancy, and siblings-brothers and sisters, will be used.

The following books used for historical data in this study may be found at the Milwaukee Public Library: Bartlett, "Chippewa Valley"; Louis Albert Copeland, "The Cornish in Southwestern Wisconsin"; Susan Burdick Davis, "Old Forts and Real Folks"; J. H. U. Lacher, "The German Element in Wisconsin", for which Muehlenberg wrote an article used here; Randall, "History of Chippewa Valley"; Rodolf, "Lead Region"; Joseph Schafer, "Yankee and Teuton in Wisconsin" and "Wisconsin Lead Region"; Taylor, "Mineral Point and Richland County" and general works by Baird, Bottomly, Hense and Jensen.

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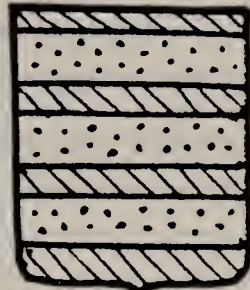
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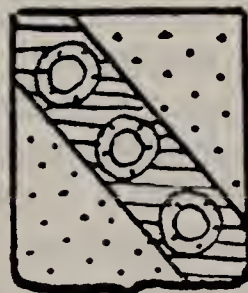
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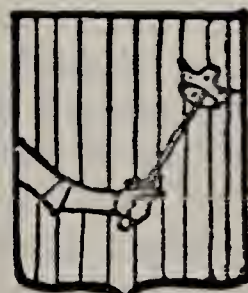
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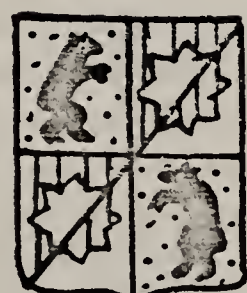
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JANSEN

These shields were found in Siebmacher's—"Wappenbuch" Nurenberg 1878, 60 volumes; Hefner & Hernberg's—"Wappenbuch"—Nurenberg 1857, 4 vol.; and Rieststap's "Armoiries des Familles"—Paris 1903, 6 vol. Because of lack of space, the complete escutcheon is given here only for Kroll. In the science of heraldry, each figure, color and design has a symbolic meaning, for instance, each son is designated, the five point star for the 3rd son (Blessingh), the amulet for the 5th (Richter), the Fleur-de-lis for the 6th (Bunzel), the rose for 7th (Nauendorf), the cross for the 8th (Venne) and so on. Each country has its characteristic shape of shield. Here they have been simplified. There is much more research to be done on the families' heraldic arms.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN—Davis, in her "Old Forts and Real Folks," gives the causes of the rapid settlement in southwestern Wisconsin as follows: 1823—steamboats came up the Mississippi River, 1826—mail service, 1832—removal of Indiana; 1832-34—surveying of land into townships and section and 1834—opening of lands to public sale.

Another cause for the influx of so many Catholics was that Father Mazzuchelli came from Italy to Prairie du Chien in about 1830 and built St. Gabriels and other churches and schools throughout that section. He also planned the court house at Dodgeville. (See page 3.)

As early as 1824 there was a mining settlement at New Diggins (Hardscrabble), now Hazel Green. William Hamilton, son of Alexander, worked there for a few weeks before he discovered his own mine.

That section of Wisconsin was first settled by pioneers from New England who came in about 1835-1850. The immigrants from 1840-60 were mostly from southern and central Germany. They had settled largely around Highland, Pulaski and Eden by 1880.

Historians' statements on the German immigrants are interesting and significant. Schafer, in his "Yankee and Teuton in Wisconsin", says the Germans grubbed new land instead of slashing it; they grew a little of everything: wheat, rye, corn, oats, barley, potatoes, hops for beer, root crops and clover which was a favorite for forage. They were slow, solid farmers. He continues to say that the settlers between 1840-60 nearly all had some systematic schooling and love of culture even if they were from the peasant classes. Craftsmanship was prevalent and gave them a sort of a social status. They celebrated with beer and music.

Muehlenberg characterizes the people with industry, thoroughness, thrift, honesty, sense of duty, sociability and love of home and music. His diet list is worth repeating: sauer kraut, cole slaw, potato salad, dill pickles, saur meats, hamburger, sausages, noodles, kohlrabi, chives, celery, endive, unusual greens (nettles and dandelion), zwieback, cheesecake, hard rolls, schenecken, coffee cake, rye bread, caraway seed, pumpnickel, pancakes, and so on. The custom of kaffeeklatch, afternoon coffee gathering, should be mentioned. He states that German Catholics did not favor 'godless' public schools so they established their own parochial schools and gathered much fine art and displayed fine musical ability in their churches. They were unpolitical and married within their own nationality which fact is well illustrated in this family history. They had the ability to enjoy cheap, home-made, innocent amusements.

The card games listed were: pinochle, 66, solo, skat and whist. Turning, wrestling and boxing were the sports mentioned. Special celebrations were held at Christmas and Easter.

The close contact with the Cornish miners left the children instilled with some of their expressions often still heard. Art en ee going? (Are not you going), I'd as leave do en as not (As soon as not) Dussen ee know better? (Does he not), 'dassent' for 'must' or 'dare not', 'wor' for 'was' and the 'd' sound for 'th' are common examples. Copeland has written fully on this subject in "The Cornish in Southwestern Wisconsin."

The most important town in the early days was Mineral Point, the land office of which opened in 1835 under Major John P. Sheldon. It was the county seat of Iowa county with a growing population of 2,000. Davis says it confidently expected to be territorial capital, therefore the failure of the Mineral Point Bank in 1841 was significant. Smelting concerns were owned there by Dodge, Legate, Bequette, Terry and O'Neill.

Mining was done in Highland as far back as 1828 by the Indians and the French fur-trader, Brisbois, but the greatest profits were not made until between 1850-60. The McGuire lead was the best. Blackjack and drybone were taken from the Kreul and Co. mine near Centerville. The first valuable lead lode was discovered by Thomas G. Lucas and Powers in 1834.

WEYERHAEUSER—In the late 18 hundreds, the history of northern Wisconsin was centered around the lumbering industry. Weyerhaeuser, now a meek little farmer's town and railroad junction was then the seat of the Lumber King of America. Frederick Weyerhaeuser was born in Germany in 1834 and came to America about 1857. He did common labor at Rock Island, Ill., when a young man but by 1872 he was the leading factor in the Chippeawa Valley lumbering. The Mississippi River Logging Co. with its subsidiary called Beef Slough Booming and the Log Driving and Transportation Co. formed the backbone of lumbering in those days and gradually absorbed the smaller concerns. In 1881, F. Weyerhaeuser bought it for \$1,275,000. He was Pres. and Treas. with Ingram, Vice Pres. and Irvine, Sec. and Manager. It burned in 1886 but was rebuilt. A description of the company written in 1890 gives the exact size and location of the plant, the buildings, the equipment and gives the exact production for the year. After clearing northern Wisconsin, the company moved to St. Paul and then to Washington and Oregon.

CHURCH HISTORY—The development and history of the Catholic church in Wisconsin can hardly be overlooked in that practically all of the family have followed that belief since the missionaries were sent out from Fulda to convert that section of Germany in the Middle Ages. Their faith was strengthened by the Thirty Years War which began in 1618 and ended with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648.

Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli was a banker's son, born in Milan in 1807. He joined the Order of St. Dominic and in 1828 came to Am. as a missionary. In 1830 he began his work from Mackinac Island; in 1835 he moved to Galena, Ill., where he could serve the miners. He assisted during the cholera epidemic in New Diggins and Benton. In 1836 when the territory was founded, he addressed the gathering on the significance of citizenship. Most of the churches, schools, colleges, convents and even public buildings in that section, were erected at his instigation and some were even designed by him. He chose Benton, Wis., as his home parish and died and was buried there in 1864.

St. Francis Seminaries were established at Milwaukee, Alverno, St. Francis and La Crosse. A Black Forest Community was brought to St. Nazians. One church record says, "In 1849, 2 priests accompanied by 3 brothers, and 6 sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, arrived in America from Suabia, Bavaria intending to settle in the diocese of Milwaukee in order to assist in fostering Catholicity in the state of Wisconsin. . . To the wish of Rt. Rev. J. M. Henni (first bishop of Milwaukee), they settled in St. Francis. In 1852 the Rev. Michael Heiss assumed charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. In 1869, Heiss, now bishop of LaCrosse went to Rome to attend the Vatican Council. In 1870 from Rome, he informed Mother Antonia that the Motherhouse was to be transferred to LaCrosse. In July, 1871, she with several Sisters and accompanied by Rev. F. X. Obermueller came to LaCrosse. . . On August 21, the cornerstone was laid. . . St. Francis Hospital was opened in Dec. 1883. . ." St. Rose Convent burned down on December 2, 1923 and was rebuilt. One record states that in 1861 Sr. Crescentia Nondorf became Head.

A LaCrosse mission was sent to St. Mary's Ridge near Norwalk in 1858 for the settlement of Catholics from Stommeln, Cologne and Luxenberg, Germany. A log church was built at the cost of \$96.04 and the first mass said by Fr. Henry Tappert. In 1866 Rev. S. Florentine was resident. The new church was dedicated in 1869 by Bishop Heiss and pastored by Rev. M. Heiss Jr., his nephew. In 1897 under Rev. J. J. Mayer, the present Gothic church was erected for \$15,000. The Franciscan Sisters began the school

in 1873. Rev. John F. Laurer built the 2 story stone school in 1889 and Rev. John Kaiser enlarged it. It burned in 1921 and was rebuilt by Fr. August Frisch for \$26,000. Sts. Peter and Paul, Pine Hollow, was a mission of St. Mary's in 1868. A tornado destroyed it in 1875 so a stone church was built 3 years later and enlarged in 1896. In 1886 Fr. Haverstadt became resident. They built the school in 1893.

The missionary work spread northward. St. Paul's at Bloomer was built in 1876 and the Franciscan school, in 1890. Sacred Heart at Eau Claire was built in 1880 under Rev. Jos. Boehm. Rev. Kaiser from St. Mary's became pastor of St. Charles, Chippewa, and dedicated Holy Ghost there in 1927.

FAMILY NAMES—Properly tracing one name would make a history in itself. Only a few outstanding points will be made here. In moving from one country to another the names are often changed or simplified to fit the new language, as the following show: Ruesch-Rush; Nauendorff-Nondorf; Blessingh-Blessing; Witzig-Witsick; Kolve-Kolwei; Hying-Hing; and so on. For that reason family shields are difficult to trace. In the following cases so many shields were given that it was impossible to know which was the correct line without more historical background: Huebner (17), Imhoff (14), Kramer (15), Kurtz (5), Martin (77), Richter (16), Walker (6,) and Wacker (7). In other cases such as: Bernaman, Eiling, Heymach, Hunk, Hying, Kisting, Kreul, Lamke, Pierick, Richgels, Schauf and Wienkers, etc. no shields were given. Names taken from places are easier to trace, as Wesseling or Wiehling.

The origin of the name "Kroll" is not clear. That spelling does not appear until the 1700's in Prussia in connection with military service, however, it may be one of the forms Krüll took (Kroll) Krell, Krull, Kreul, Krall). Hans Drüll was assigned his shield showing the head of a child, on July 1, 1450 in Cöln. Joseph from Eberfeld is mentioned in 1697 whose descendent was Heinrich Krüll, rector in Erfurt, born April 26, 1854, obviously not our line. Johann and Wolfgang Krell received their shield from Kaiser Karl on Jan. 17, 1551 at Augsburg. The Krell shield is similar to the Kroll shield except that a unicorn is used instead of a deer and the helmet is seen sidewise. The Krall shield also has a deer. The other Krolls who came to the U. S. about the same time and settled in Adams Co., Ill., Chicago, Pennsylvania, etc., were Protestant. There is also a Danish line of Krolls as well as a Jewish and a Polish (shortened from Krolikowski). The card catalogue for German books reveals a good many writers, musicians and scientists by that name. One Joseph Kroll, Munster, 1914, is probably a direct relative. This should be a challenge to continue research along this line.

ANCESTORS

DELINEATION—The story goes that a French Lord's daughter, Venus van Venne, eloped with a German soldier, Peter Pierick, during the Seven Years War, waged between Prussia and other European powers for the possession of Silesia from 1756-63 which finally ended with each power receiving what it had before the war. As might be expected under those conditions, Venus was cast from her home for marrying beneath her. Although she was reared in luxury, she learned to do all her own work. Their son, Herman, was the father of Gertrude Pierick, who was born at Munster, Westphalia on November 25, 1862, whom we shall use as one of the keystones for this study.

At the same time, in approximately the same section of Westphalia near Gros-Reken, Bernard Henry Eiling and Mary Christine Blessingh were married and became the parents of Anna Eiling, the other keystone for this study.

About 1879, Gertrude Pierick and Anna Eiling, who had been friends in Germany, came to the U. S. together on the S. S. General Vernon (one report says Germania?) They took the train to Mineral Point, the nearest station, and a wagon from there to Highland. Since other people from that section of Germany had migrated to southwestern Wisconsin ever since Celastine Kaltenback had begun lead mining there in 1832 and Fr. Fusch established a Catholic church at Dutch Holly (Tennyson) in 1845, they settled among friends. The family records of their ancestors and descendents follow.

THE CHRISTINE NONDORF I. — ANTHONY KROLL I. FAMILY

Christine (Feb. 12, 1839-May 14, 1881), John II, Marie (?) and Sister Crescentia were the children of Elizabeth Wehling (Wieling?) and John Nondorf I. Christine was light complexioned, short and weighed about 165 lbs. Anthony (Patern, Germany 1831-May 8, 1894) was tall, weighed about 200 lbs., had dark hair and blue eyes. His father went to America and was not heard from again. Anthony came to the U. S. in 1856. Christine and Anthony walked 50 miles from Dry Bone to Galena, Ill. to be married by Fr. Mazzachelli. Anthony owned a 1200 acre farm, about 5 miles southwest of Highland, which was subsequently divided among his children, a mine called Whim Diggins where black jack and dry bone were mined at wages from 75c to \$1.00 per day, and a General Merchandise store at Dry Bone in partnership with Pierick. In 1878 he became postmaster of Highland at which time Anthony Kreul was postmaster of Centerville, a town established in 1836 which lost to its rival town, Highland.

When Christine died at 42 years of age, Anthony married

Barbara Gessner (1854—March 29, 1935) whose parents were Anna Marie (1826-1905) and Michael (1825-1882) Gessner of Germany. Barbara's sister, Theresa, married Kasper Kroll and Katherine married Mr. John Giltner.

Children:

1. ELIZABETH—May 7, 1860 m. Joe Kreul
2. JOHN—May 14, 1861, 6 ft. 2, blue e. m. Anna Eiling
3. KATHERINE—Jan. 13, 1868, m. Frank Martin
4. FRANK—June 1871, m. Anna Bunzel.
5. ANTHONY II.—Mar. 26, 1876 m. Christine Nondorf II
6. CRESENTIA—Mar. 23, 1884, m. John Jansen whose descendants now live in Iowa.

By his second marriage to Barbara Gessner:

7. ANNA—m. Andrew Bunzel ch: Henry and Henrietta twins, and Amina
8. THERESA—April 26, 1889, m. Henry Wienkers
9. BERNARD—m. Theresa Wienkers
10. MAYME—m. Anthony Krueel, son of Smool Kreul, who was a cousin of B. H. Krueel.

The names of B. H. Krueel and Nondorf are also linked as owning a store. Bernard Henry Kreul was born in Westphalia in 1848. His father, Bernard, came to Highland in 1852, then sent for his wife and son. The children born here were: Mary—Sr. Josepha, a Sister of Mercy; Katie—married B. Benaman; Rosina—married Albert Hasselhoff, John; and Joseph. Kreul and Kroll are not used interchangeably although there is a relationship through the marriage of Joe Kreul to Elizabeth Kroll and there may have been originally.

Bernard H. married Christine Potter, sister of Albert, who married Adelheit (Wienkes?) The Kreul children were: John—married Anna Imhoff, the youngest daughter of Anton, born in Hanover in 1820 and came to Highland in 1844 where he worked at mining and real estate; Ben—m. Anna Pink; and Christine—m. Pat Filback.

When Albert Potter died, Adelheit married John Nondorf II. and brought along the capital to set up the stores in Centerville and Highland. Their children were: John III., Bernard, Mary, Stephen, and Joseph. John III. married Mary Lampe, who married Peter Stepler when John died. Albert's sister, Katherine, married Herman Pierick and the adopted sister, Mary, an Altmeier.

Christine's sister (Mary?) became Mrs. Gutweiler. When he died, she married Ferger and had 3 children, John, William, and Marie. When he died, Mrs. Gutweiler Ferger married Sebastian Munz. Their daughter, Katie, married Harry Fecht and had 3 children, Rita, Magdaline, and a son. Jacob Fecht, Harry's father, was born in Potasi, Wisconsin on April 1, 1852. He ran the Blackney House at Highland and served on the Board of Trustees. His parents, Nicholas and Dorthea, were pioneers. Jacob married Eliza Lampe, daughter of B. Henry and Katrina Lampe.

THE ELIZABETH KROLL-JOSEPH H. KREUL FAMILY

Elizabeth and Joseph, son of Rosina Lacing and Bernard Kreul, were married in Oct. 1878 at Highland and lived near Monifort

Children:

1. BERNARD (died?)
2. CHRISTINE m. George Martin, nephew of Frank Martin
3. KATHRYN m. Ed. Kramer
4. JOHN d. in adolescence
5. BERNARD
6. HENRY
7. CLARA m. Ray Niebur.

Kathryn married Ed Kramer, son of Kathryn Siefert and Edmund Kramer, in 1910 at Highland. Rev. Biersner read the services and Josephine Kramer and John Kreul were witnesses. From Centerville they moved to Highland on Nov. 12, 1912. Their children are Ramell, who married Mr. Rock and has a daughter, Jackquile Jane; and Leona, who married Mr. Bartle and has 2 daughters, Marline and Patsy Ann.

THE KATHRYN KROLL-FRANCIS MARTIN FAMILY

Both of Frank's parents, Katherine Heller and Frank Martin, were born in France, but lived in Germany. Frank (Jan. 1, 1865-Oct. 1, 1914) and Kathryn (January 3, 1868) were married on April 21, 1888 at Highland by Rev. Wambolt with Anna Martin and Frank Kroll as witnesses. They have always lived on the 100 acre farm near Highland, in town. 6, range 1, given to Kathryn by her father, Anthony Kroll I.

Children: All blue-eyed.

1. KATHRYN—Sept. 26, 1894
2. FRED—Dec. 18, 1896, d. at 4 years
3. ANTHONY—Nov. 8, 1900
4. EDITH—Oct. 4, 1904
5. HILDEGARDE—Jan. 16, 1906.

THE CRESENTIA KROLL-JOHN JANSEN FAMILY

Cresentia was married to John, whose mother was Christina Haselhoff, at Highland by Rev. Wambolt in May, 1892 with Anna Jansen and Frank Kroll as witnesses. About 1910 the family moved to Mason City, Iowa, where they still live.

Children:

1. CHRISTINA—1894, blue-e.
2. BARBARA—1896, blue-e.
3. MARY—1897, blue-e.
4. BURNEDETTA—1898, brown-e.
5. VERONA—1900, blue-e.
6. FRANCIS—1902, blue-e.
7. CLARA—1905, blue-e.
8. ANTHONY—d. at about 5 years, blue-e.
9. VIRGIL—1911, brown-eyed. In the Navy
10. RAMON—1913, blue-e.
11. LORETTA—d. at 1 year, blue-e.
12. EVELYN—1917, brown-e.

THE ANNA BUNSZEL-FRANK-KROLL FAMILY

Frank married Anna on August 20, 1895 at Highland. Fr. Wambold read the services and Lizzie Bunszel and Anthony Kroll were witnesses. They first lived at Centerville, then in 1901, moved to the Nick Stiel farm, 2½ miles from Highland, and in 1937, moved to Highland.

Anna's parents were Johanna Witzic and John Bunzel. (Her sister Kate, married Anton Richgels.) She was born August 13, 1870, was 5 ft. 4 and 125 lbs. Frank was born Jan. 13, 1871, was 5 ft. 9, 180 lbs. and attended college at Prairie du Chien 1 year.

Children:

1. JOHN F. "JACK"—Blond. He married Genevieve Doyle, daughter of Mary McGinley (daughter of Margaret Powell and John McGinley) and Patrick Doyle (son of Jane Lynch and Patrick Doyle) on Oct. 31, 1925 at Spring Green with Rev. C. B. Weikmann officiating and Eva Doyle and Andrew Kroll as witnesses. They first lived at Montford, then Highland and moved to Dodgeville on July 1, 1930. Their children are (all brunets): Patrick John 1927, Mary Ann 1928, Kathryn 1935, and John 1938.

2. LAURENA—Aug. 28, 1897 brunet. She married John "Bis" Eiling (Oct. 15, 1892, 6 ft. 2, blue-e. brown-h) on Oct. 12, 1915 at Highland with Rev. Biersner officiating and Ora Wessling and John Kroll attending. Their children are: Yvonne Ann, April 6, 1918 5 ft. 8, 150 lbs., blond, m. Clay Mellor May 25, 1936, and John Jr., Apr. 3, 1926, 5 ft. 2, 105 lbs., blond.

3. ODELIA—Blond. She married Darwin Smeltzer, son of Elizabeth Wiley 1866-1934 (daughter of Barbara and Lewis Wiley) and George Smeltzer 1853-1938 (son of John Smeltzer) at Highland on June 2, 1923. Fr. Arentz read the services and Wilma Richgels and Andrew Kroll were witnesses. Their children are: Evangeline blue-e., brown h., Lauren, brunet, and Delwin, gray e., brown h.

4. ANDREW.—Feb. 22, 1904, 5 ft. 11, 170 lbs. brunet. He married Gladys Pierick (b. July 4, 1910 5 ft. 4 110 lbs. blue e. brown h.) who is the daughter of Emma McCarthy (daughter of Mary Nolan and Thomas McCarthy) and Henry Pierick (son of Catherine Potter and Herman Pierick). The marriage service was performed by Fr. Doyle of St. Patrick's church at Highland on Nov. 26, 1932 with Magdalen Pierick and Gerald Kroll attending. They live at Highland. Their children are: Donna Mary, Jan. 7, 1933 brown e. blond h., John William, Mar. 31, 1934 blue e. brown h., Shirley Ann, Aug. 24, 1935 blond, and Raymond Andrew, Oct. 22, 1937 brunet.

5. GERALD B.—Blond. He was married to Anna Marie Imhoff, daughter of Katherine Hebgen (daughter of Mary Imhoff and Peter Hebgen) and Louis Imhoff (son of Mary Lampe and Henry Imhoff) on Nov. 9, 1938 by Fr. Goetzmann with Florence and Delbert

Imhoff as witnesses. They live at Highland. Their daughter Kathleen Ann, blond, was born Nov. 12, 1939.

5. FRANCIS—June 26, 1907—Mar. 14, 1917, brunet.

THE THERESA KROLL-HENRY WIENKERS FAMILY

Theresa married Henry, (b. Oct. 20, 1883,) son of Gertrude Labor and Henry (1843-1925), on Jan. 7, 1908 at Highland with Fr. Wambold officiating and Gertrude Wienkers and Bernard Kroll witnessing.

The Wienkes (Wienkers) family was quite interrelated with our family. Mary Wienkes of Hannover married Michael Kasper, born in Nassau, Germany, in 1839 and came to Am. in 1866. He was in business in Highland in 1874. Their children were: Mary A. m. Willie Miller; Theresa; Anna M.-m. Muldoaney; Josephine; Katie and Lena. Another of Mary's sisters, Anna m. H. Kotte. Theresa Wienkes married Henry Eiling. There was also a brother, Bernard. Mary's daughter, Katie, married Pete Richter.

Children:

1. LEONA BARBARA—Oct. 9, 1908 m. Thomas Callahan ch.: Mary Ellen, Apr. 15, 1936, Ann Therese, May 24, 1937, and Janet Claire, June 28, 1938.
2. MARY GERTRUDE—Aug. 28, 1910.
3. FRANCIS JOHN—July 23, 1912 m. Blanche Nechvatel ch.: Charles, June 29, 1937, Karen, June 26, 1938, Marilyn Aug. 28; 1939.

THE THERESA EILING-BERNARD KROLL FAMILY

Theresa's father, Henry Eiling (Dec. 13, 1849—Feb. 14, 1927) married her mother, Theresa Wienkers (May 22, 1853—June 14, 1931) on Nov. 22, 1881. Her grandparents were Johanna and Bernard Eiling of Westphalia, and Mary and Bernard Wienkers of Hanover, Germany.

Bernard (b. Nov. 30, 1891, 5 ft. 11, brunet) and Theresa (b. Feb. 1, 1890 5 ft.8, blue e., dark h.) were married on May 4, 1915 at Highland by Rev. Biersner with Bernard Eiling and Mayme Kroll as witnesses. They first lived on a farm near Highland but in Mar. 1916 they moved near Dry Bone where they still live.

Children:

1. BERNARD—Aug. 11, 1916—Dec. 31, 1918, brunet.
2. LUCILLE—Aug. 31, 1918 blond. Attending Platteville Normal.
3. CLETUS—June 23, 1921 blond H.S.
4. EARL—Apr. 7, 1923, brunet, H.S.
5. KATHRYN—Aug. 13, 1924, blond, H.S. Soph.
6. PAUL—Sept. 6, 1928—Sept. 10, 1928, brunet.
7. DELBERT—Oct. 10, 1931, blond.
8. LOUIS—June 29, 1933, brunet.

THE THERESA GESSNER-KASPER KROLL FAMILY

Kasper was a nephew of Anthony Kroll I. He spoke a different German (high) from the other Krolls, so his mother must have come from different stock. Theresa was a sister to Barbara, Anthony Kroll's second wife.

Children:

1. BARBARA—
2. ANTHONY 'FUZZIE'—m. Mayme Kroll.
3. FRANK
4. JOE—Died 1937. Served in World War.
5. EMMA—
6. HENRY—
7. VERONA.

THE ELIZABETH BLESSING-ALOYSIUS EILING FAMILY

Elizabeth and Aloysius lived on a large farm in Germany where they spun their wool, wove their linen and knitted their own clothing. On the corner of their land was a little church to which a long, lower addition was built about which there was the following advertisement: "Die Waldkapelle und die Eremitage bei Gros-Reken. Ortskundliche Studie nach alten Handschriften von Dr. phil. Höggebe, Lehrer zu Gros-Reken." Anna Eiling kept house for the priest (Kafadayet ?) there before coming to Am. about 1879. Henry, Elizabeth and Aloysius had come about 5 years previously. The two oldest children stayed in Germany. Anna received a letter from her nephew, Willam Eiling, in 1923 from Gros-Reken, Kreis, Borken in Westphalen, Deutschland in which he mentions Aunt Bruns (?), Aunt Elizabeth, a son and a daughter who died. Anna corresponded with her cousin, a priest, Pfarrer Blessing, at Schae-phuysen, Kreis, Mares, Deutschland. There is also a record about Heinrich Eiling, born June 28, 1885 at Gros-Reken and died Mar. 17, 1924 in the Dreikonigen Hospital in Koln, Mulheim, from the results of the war. Otherwise little is known about relatives in Germany.

Children:

1. BERNARD—7 sons and 5 daughters, died at 78 in Germany.
2. MARGARET CHRISTINE—Married 3 times, Brown, Nagei, Bruns (?) Had a son, Herman, (died during the war?) and 2 daughters.
3. HENRY—m. Theresa Wienkers ch: Mary—died at 7 yrs.; Anna—m. Jack Pepper, ch: Lawrence and Veronica (Jack's father, John, was born at Mineral Point, was a clerk for D. T. Parker at 15, went to Calif. in 1854 and returned to start business with Callis in Lancaster, bought the Barnett House in Boscobel in 1859 which was later under Parker, Hildebrand and Pepper until 1865 and then went into live stock business at Boscobel); Lizzie—d. Mar. 15, 1926 m.

Elijah Higgins ch: John, Francis and Earnest; Agnes; Censie—m. Roy Martens ch: Mary and a son; Theresa—m. Ben Kroll; Katie—m. Earnest Rasque ch: Margaret; and Ben who had 3 girls.

4. ELIZABETH—1856—Mar. 1922 m. Bernard Wessling.
5. ANNA—July 31, 1858—May 19, 1924, 5 ft.2 150 lbs. blue e. heavy brown h. Came to Am. when 21. m. John Kroll.
6. ALOYSIUS II, 1863—Jan. 10, 1939 m. Lizette Martin (Frank's sister) 1861—July 28, 1939, daughter of Kathern Heller and Frank Martin. ch: Kate—m. Henry Bernaman, live in Mason City, Iowa; Frank—m. Gertrude Wienke.s; Julia—m. Willie Kopps; and John 'Bis'—m. Laureen Kroll.
7. WILLIAM? —Died at 21 from T.B.

THE ELIZABETH EILING-BERNARD WESSLING FAMILY

Siebmacher in his "Wappenbuch" records the Blessings as coming from Sweden on Nov. 18, 1743. Elizabeth's father, Aloysius Eiling, had served in the army. Both Elizabeth and Bernard were born in Gros Reken, Westphalia. Bernard died in 1898 leaving a family of 12.

Children: All tall, well-built, blue eyes and light brown hair.

1. ALOYSIUS—1881-1937.
2. ANNA—m. George Wievel. Their first son died, the next is Herbert, 1908, who attended Platteville Normal and Northwestern University. He is now working for an appraising concern in Chicago; Fidilis 'Friday' Bernard, Platteville Normal, now coaches athletics at Cudahay, Wis.; and Alois, 1915, who married Gordon Millman and has two sons.
3. CATHERINE ELIZABETH — died in infancy.
4. JOHN—Dec. 8, 1882. Works for the American Express in Chicago.
5. ELIZABETH 'LEE'—Nov. 4, 1884 m. H. Wilson Reed. She lives in Chicago.
6. MAYME—Mar. 4, 1886—m. Orlie Leslie, d. 1926. The name Leslie is of Scottish origin in connection with military service ch: Bernard 'Bunny', 1913, married a girl from Madison; and has a daughter, Catherine Lee; Catherine 1915; Phyllis, 1920; and a baby, d. i.
7. STEPHEN—Died in infancy.
8. JOSEPH—Died in 1911 when a young man with T.B.
9. CATHERINE CRESENTIA—Owns a millinery shop in Chicago.
10. GERTRUDE ELIZABETH 'SADIE'—Died Aug. 6, 1909 at 15 yrs., 11 mo. of T.B.
11. HERBERT—Married Esther Longendike; owns a tavern at Marion, Ia.
12. ORA—1898, m. Chauncey Moore and has a son Tom.

THE CHRISTINA WEHLING-HENRY RICHGELS FAMILY

Christina (Catherine?) and Henry were married in Germany. When the youngest son, Joe, was 2 weeks old Christina died. After several years, Henry married a Miss Barlo but had no children by her.

Children:

1. JOHN—m. Josephine Thierer—ch: John, Lizzie, Will, Josephine.
2. HENRY—m. Mary Gunn.
3. CHRISTINA—m. George Dax ch: Anna, Henry, Tony, Kate, etc.
4. ANTON—m. Catherine Bunzel, daughter of John Bunzel and Johanne Witsick, whose siblings were: John, Joe, Anna—m. Frank Kroll, Frank—dead, (Catherine), Elizabeth—m. Barney Richgels, Andrew—m. Anne Kroll, and Mayme—m. John Chaney. Their children are: Henry—m. Clara Kroll; Urban—m. Gayle Smeltzer, children: Cleighton, Marlyn, Neva and Carol; Anthony—dead; Wilma—m. DeWinters, children: Jean and Valeria; Frances—dead; Lawrence—m. Rose Berger, child: Judith; and Raymond—m. Eva Oxford.
5. MARY—m. Henry Topp
6. BARNEY—m. Elizabeth Bunzel, large family
7. ALBERT—m. Elizabeth Devoe, large family. Sister of Mayme Devoe.
8. JOSEPH—m. Mary Ruchti (widow), ch: Norma, Erwin, etc.

THE MARY EVA KREMER-JOSEPH BUNZEL FAMILY

Joseph, son of Johanne Witsick and John Bunzel (Bunzel?) (son of Andrew Bunzel) married Mary Eva, daughter of Eve Hauck (whose mother was a Mantel) and Michael Kremer on Jan. 24, 1892 at Holy Trinity church in Boston, Mass. Fr. Nopper read the services and Anna Dittmar and Joseph Kohler were witnesses. They first lived at Roxbury, then in 1895 at Jamaica Plain, and on Aug. 1, 1927 they moved to 108 Rowe St., Roslindale, Mass.

Children:

1. MARY CATHERINE—Oct. 24, 1892, blond. She married Mr. Albrecht, son of Barbara Scroepfer and John Carl Albrecht. ch.: Rita Emma 1919 m. Foley, John Carl—1920, Edward Francis, 1921 and Mary Barbara—1923.
2. EMMA ELIZABETH—Feb. 2, 1894 blue e. brown h. Hair-dresser.
3. FRANCES HELEN—Aug. 10, 1896, brunet, sales clerk.
4. CAROLINE WILHELMINA—Dec. 10, 1898, blue e. brown h. She married Walter Francis Grover, son of Elizabeth Wiseman and Jessie John Grover.
5. JOHN JOSEPH—Nov. 27, 1902, brunet, Shipping clerk.
6. HENRY ANTHONY—Nov. 1, 1904 blue e. brown h. H. S. of Commerce. Assistant Window Display Mgr. He married Sarah Helen Doherty, daughter of Sarah Kelly and James Doherty, ch: Audrey Helen, 1928, Henry Anthony, Jr. 1929, Robert Paul, 1931;

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Pierick

Herman (Potter)

John (Devoe Kobitsch) (s)

Christine (Williams)

Anthony

I Nondorf —

Christine (K)

Anthony (L)

Bernard (S)

Gertrude K

Nondorf

Henry

II Albrecht

Joseph (W)

William (W)

Hildegarde

Henry Christina
Richgels — Wehling

Christina

Albert

Henry John

Mary Joseph

Barney

Anton Kate
Richgels — Bunzel

Frances

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Wilma (Winters)

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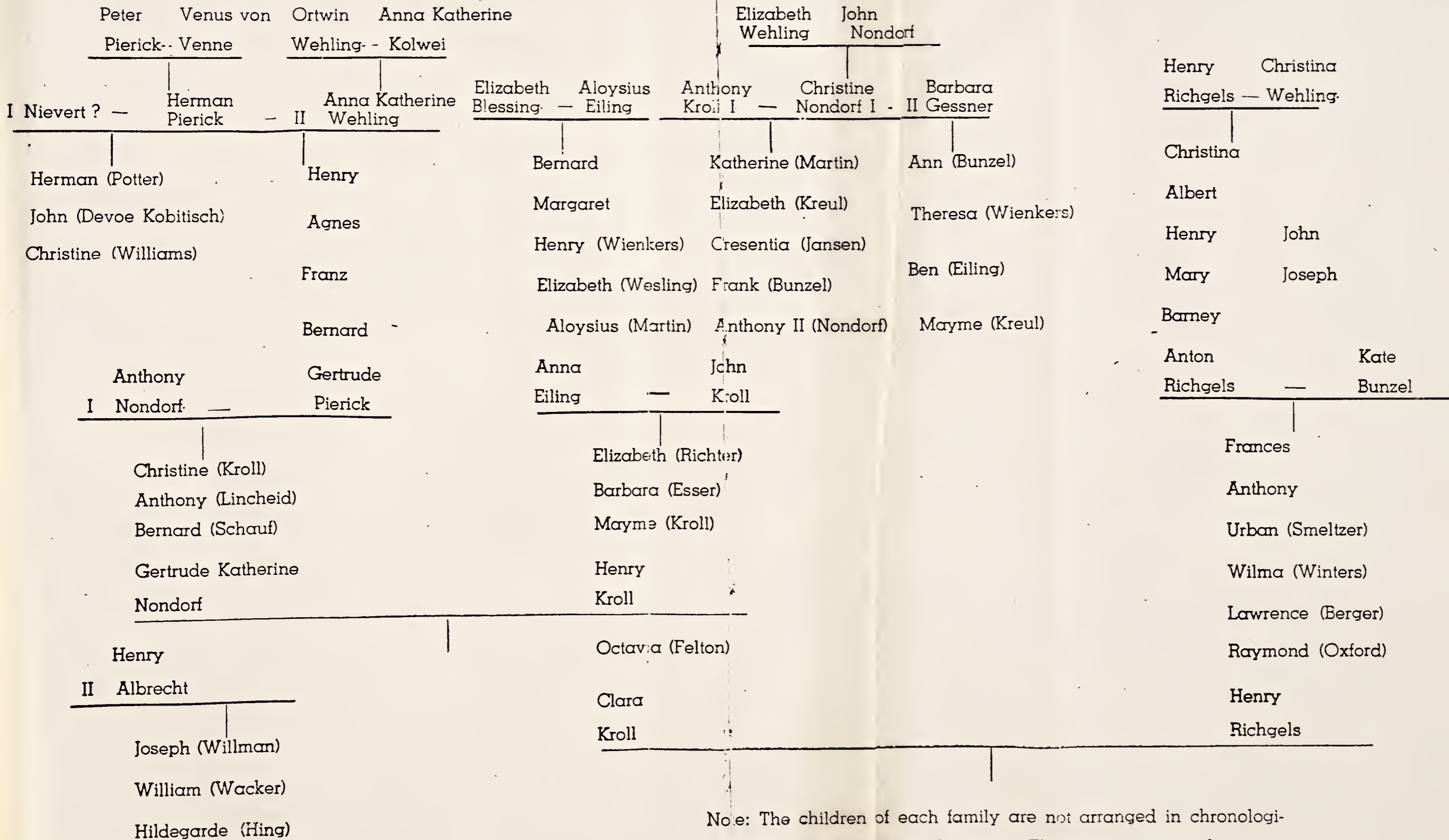
Raymond (Oxford)

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names in parentheses in-
married.

GENEALOGY CHART



Note: The children of each family are not arranged in chronological order. See the family histories. The names in parentheses indicate the family into which the person married.

Barbara Ann, 1933, Marylyn Irene—1934, Patricia Marie, 1935, Joseph John, 1937 and James Edward 1939.

7. GERTRUDE ROSE—Apr. 13, 1908 blond. Attended Chev-erns Commercial School. Ediphone operator. She married Joseph E. Carroll, undertaker of Hyde Park, Mass., whose parents were Mary Finn and Michael Carroll. ch.: Joan Marie—1935, Paul Joseph 1936 and Barbara Ann, 1939.

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THE ANNA KATHERINE WEHLING-HERMAN PIERICK I FAMILY

Anna Katherine was the daughter of Anna Katherine Kolwei and Ortwin Wehling, whose sister Elizabeth married John Nondorf and another relative Christina married Richgels. By his first marriage to Miss Nievert (?), the children of Herman Pierick I, son of Peter Pierick and Venus van Venne, were Herman, John and Christine, who married Frank Williams, who had previously been married to a Miss Topp and was related to Menkes. By his second marriage to Anna Katherine Wehling, his children were Bernard, Francis, Agnes, Gertrude who married Anthony Nondorf, and Henry. The eldest son, Herman II was born in Germany in 1840 and came to the U. S. in 1868. He was a partner in the Krohl and Pierick Mds. Store at Dry Bone. His children from his marriage to Katie Potter of Highland were: Anthony, Herman III, Albert, John, Mary, Katherine, Henry and Gertrude, (Sister Primus.)

THE MAYME DEVOE-BARBARA KOBITISCH-JOHN H. PIERICK FAMILY

The children by his first wife, Mayme Devoe, were: (All blue e., brown h.)

1. URBAN—Salesman. Has 1 son.
2. LEO—Bartender.
3. BEATRICE—m. Has 1 daughter.

John, married his second wife, Barbara, daughter of Caroline Auel (daughter of Lucy and Vincent Auel of Germany) and Mathew Kobitisch of Austria, in 1915 in Chicago. (?) They were married by Rev. Pipp and with Gertrude Pierick and Roco Dustuct as witnesses and lived at Highland. Their children were:

4. JOHN—blue e. curly brown h. tall. Works in their store.
- 5 & 6. ALICE (twin d. i.) brown e. tall. Stenographer at N.W.
7. MARY JO—blue e. Taking Home Economics at Stout College.
8. JAMES—blue e. Injured when a small child.

DESCENDANTS

THE ANNA EILING-JOHN KROLL FAMILY

Anna Eiling, daughter of Elizabeth (Margaret?) Blessing and Aloysius Eiling, was born at Gros-Reken on July 31, 1857 and died at the Madison Hospital on May 9, 1924. John Kroll was born May 14, 1861 at Highland and died there May 7, 1938. They were married on Feb. 14, 1881 following which they lived on the present Oliver Richter place for 9 years. They then moved to Highland for 3 years and then to the hilly, fertile farm 3½ miles west of Highland in section 36, town. 7, range 1 where they worked side by side in the fields from dawn until dusk for the next 21 years. Anna was distinctly an outdoor woman; she cared little about the fineness of their food and clothing. Besides giving birth to 7 children and rearing 6 of them, she coped for many years with one of the common problems of the time among the miners, that of a drinking husband, but he finally overcame the habit. Luckily, his example turned his children against drinking.

When the children were grown, in about 1917, they bought the Joseph Thierer house on the large lot on West Spring St. in Highland. Their trim, white house became the meeting place for their children and families when they came to church on Sundays, or to shop or go to school during the week. Almost every family sent at least 1, if not all of their children to stay with 'Grandma' while going to St. Anthony's Elementary School or Highland High School.

Children:

1. SON—d.i.
2. ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE'—Nov. 20, 1884 5 ft. 6 blue e. brown h. m. O. Richter.
3. HENRY—Oct. 9, 1885 6 ft. 2 175 lbs. blue e. dark h. m. G. Nondorf.
4. BARBARA—Oct. 5, 1888 5 ft. 9 170 lbs. blue e. dark h. m. Wm. Esser.
5. MARY 'MAYME'—1892, 5 ft. 8 135 lbs. blond m. Anton Kroll.
6. CLARA—Oct. 1, 1896, 5 ft.8, 1335 lbs. blond m. Henry Richgels
7. OCTAVIA RUTH—June 2, 1900, 5 ft. 8 145 lbs. blond. Attended Platteville Normal. Taught elementary school 14 years. m. Roland Felton.

THE ELIZABETH KROLL-OLIVER RICHTER FAMILY

Elizabeth married Oliver (born Nov. 17, 1887, 5 ft.7, 160 lbs. black hair and blue eyes) on May 1, 1906 at Highland. Fr. Wambold read the services and Henry Kroll and Esther Richter were witnesses. Oliver, Esther and Joseph were the children of Leona Walker and Joseph Richter, born at Homer and Highland, Wis., respectively. Her parents were Isabel and Newcomb Walker. In 1914 they bought the farm near Highland, once owned by John Kroll, and still live there.

1. ELMA ANNA LEONA—Aug. 31, 1909 5 ft.7 135 lbs. brunet. Platteville Normal. Taught elementary school 3 years. She married Edgar Jenkins, son of Milton Jenkins of Louisville, Ky., on Mar. 31, 1932 at Highland. Fr. Arentz officiated and George Esser and Mildred Richter were witnesses. The first two years they lived near Fennimore, then moved to Highland. Their children are: Carlos, b. Oct. 15, 1932 blue e. brown h. 51 lbs. Gordon, b. April 29, 1936, blond, 48 lbs; and twins Mary and Marilyn, b. Aug. 14, 1937, brunets, 29 lbs.

2. MILDRED MYRTLE—July 31, 1914 5 ft. 4, 95 lbs. blue e. brown h. Hospital work.

3. KATHLEEN ANNA—May 13, 1922, 5 ft. 2 112 lbs. blue e. black h.

THE GERTRUDE NONDORF-HENRY KROLL FAMILY

Henry married Gertrude 'Kate' Nondorf on July 14, 1908 at St. Anthony's church in Highland. Fr. Biersner officiated and Anthony Nondorf II and Barbara Kroll were witnesses. The family first lived at Highland, then moved to the FitzSimmons farm near Dodgeville in 1910, from where they moved to the Tschernack place near Malvina the winter of 1914. In June 1921, they traded for the William Payne farm 8 miles south of Weyerhaeuser, the house of which had been built by Sandfords, sold to Hurleys and then to Paynes.

Children:

1. ELEANOR GERTRUDE GENEVIEVE—April 25, 1909, 5 ft.10, 140 lbs. blue e. She was graduated from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, in 1930 with a major in mathematics and minors in art and English, and had finished her courses for a Master's Degree in Education at the University of Chicago and was working on her thesis in 1939. She taught Weyerhaeuser High School from 1930-33, did art work in Chicago until 1937 and did research on the Index of American Design, taught art and physical education at the West Allis, Wis. Senior High School in 1937-38, was Health Integrator at St. Xavier College, Chicago, in 1938-39 and took the position of Director of Girls' Work at the University of Chicago Settlement in Oct. 1939.

2. KATHERINE 'KAY' MARGARET—Nov. 24, 1910, 5 ft.9, 130 lbs. blue e. She took nurse's training at Sacred Heart in Eau Claire, worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Ill., specialized in Obstetrics at St. John's in Springfield, and was supervisor of the Obstetrics Dept. at the hospital at Washington, Mo., until her marriage on Mar. 11, 1935 in Union, Mo., to Lucien Collins Laswell, the son of Dr. James L. Laswell and Mae Collins of Decatur. Dr. Laswell (6 ft.,

180 lbs. blue e., black h.), son of Henry Laswell and Julia Downing, was born, with his twin, Sam, on Dec. 28, 1865 at Oscalusie, Ill. He had a sister Luite who married Will McWilliams and a sister Alma who married Maurice Nelms. Mae Collins, born at Greensburg, Ind., was the daughter of Licurigus Collins and Josephine King. Her siblings were Bertha and John, who died in infancy, and Illini who died at 18. Lucien (6 ft. 1, 140 lbs., brunet) was born at Alma, Ill. on Aug. 23, 1899 and his brother, Dr. Donald Licurigus Laswell, an orthodontist in Chicago, was born on April 13, 1901 in Indianapolis, Ind. The children of Lucien and Kay are: Kay Mae, b. Jan. 5, 1936, Decatur, Ill., 50 lbs., blond; and Lucien Kroll Laswell b. Oct. 10, 1939, 17 lbs., blue e., brown h.

3. NICHOLAS HENRY 'HARRY'—June 4, 1912 6 ft. 2 175 lbs., brunet. He attended Quam Business College in Minneapolis. He married Eleanor Kernwein, daughter of Meta B. Heymach, a dress-maker who was born in Germany Dec. 12, 1875 and came to the U. S. at 13, and an army officer there, Anthony B. Kernwein, (June 5, 1870—Sept. 26, 1933.) Her grandparents, Dorothy, who was an artist of French origin, and Peter Kernwein, lived in Germany. John Jacob Heymach was born in Frankfort-am-Main, Dec. 25, 1846 and died on May 8, 1885 from the effects of the war in which he served in 1781. His wife, Katherine Kulcher was born May 15, 1848 in Erbach Odenwald and died May 18, 1912 at Bruce, Wis. from gallstones. Katherine's mother was a Huebner. Eleanor and Harry were married on Nov. 28, 1934 by Fr. Topolski at Weyerhaeuser with Alice Kernwein and Karl Kroll as witnesses. They now live on an 80 acre farm south of Island Lake. Anita Eleanor was born Dec. 18, 1936.

4. WILLIAM JOHN—Jan. 28, 1914—Jan. 30, 1914.

5. KARL EDWIN JOSEPH—Mar. 13, 1916, 6 ft.1, 175 lbs. blond. He attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago and works at Holt Electric Co. in Milwaukee, where he stays with Gertrude Kroll Otterson.

6. PAUL JEROME—Mar. 21, 1918 6 ft.5, 180 lbs. brunet. He was valedictorian of his H. S. class, took a business course and worked for 2 years at Camp Rusk.

7. ELIZABETH OLIVE—Oct. 11, 1920 5 ft.9, 125 lbs. blond. She attended the Rusk County Normal.

8. JOHN DONALD—April 1, 1923 6 ft.3, 170 lbs. brunet. Sr., New Auburn H.S.

9. MARIANITA 'MAYME'—Dec. 21, 1925 5 ft.8, 115 lbs. blond. Parochial school at Weyerhaeuser.

10. GEORGIANNA RUTH—Nov. 1, 1931, tall blond. North Lima School.

THE BARBARA KROLL-WILLIAM ESSER FAMILY

William is the son of Christine Otter and Peter Esser. Her parents were Lawrence and Catherine Otter who lived in Germany. William was born July 16, 1886, is 6 ft.1, 220 lbs., light complexioned, a carpenter and a farmer. He and Barbara were married by Rev. August A. Biersner at St. Anthony's in Highland on May 2, 1911 with Lawrence Esser and Mary Kroll witnesses. They live near Highland on a piece of land originally owned by Anthony Kroll I.

Children: All have blue eyes and brown hair.

1. GEORGE—Feb. 22, 1912, 6 ft.1, 176 lbs. He married Florence Lamke, (Apr. 19, 1913 5 ft.5, 118 lbs. blue e. dark h.) daughter of Marie Louis Gottschall and Charles Albert Lamke. Her grandparents were Henrietta Kurtz and Ferdinand Lamke, and Whilmena Harms and William Gottschall. Her siblings are Ervin, Aliva, Sylvester, Marvin and Ruth. Florence and George were married by Rev. Goetzman at the St. Anthony Parsonage in Highland on Nov. 23, 1937 with Robert Esser and Aliva Lamke witnesses. They bought a home on the outskirts of Highland from where George runs a school bus and a trucking business. Both are musically inclined. Their son, Glenn Adrian was born Jan. 9, 1939, is 2 ft. 6 20 lbs. and blond.

2. VIRGINIA—July 3, 1913, 5 ft. 8 162 lbs. She went two years to Platteville Normal and teaches elementary school.

3. ROBERT—Sep. 15, 1915, 5 ft. 11, 170 lbs. H. S. Farming

4. MARY—Sep. 3, 1917, 5 ft. 10, 150 lbs. H. S. Waitress.

5. LA VERNE—Dec. 29, 1922, 6 ft.1, 157 lbs. H. S. Sr.

6. JOSEPH—Sep. 8, 1925, 5 ft.9, 107 lbs. H.S. Fr.

7. ANNA KATHRYN—Jan. 9, 1927, 5 ft.5, 110 lbs. Musical.

THE MAYME KROLL-ANTON KROLL FAMILY

Anton, born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 1, 1891, is the son of Kasper Kroll, a cousin of John Kroll, who was born in Berlin in 1865 and died near Highland on Aug. 11, 1925 and Theresa Gessner who was born in Germany in 1867. Anton 'Fuzzy' and Mary 'Mayme' were married on Apr. 20, 1915 at Highland by Fr. Biersner with Octavia Kroll and Joe Kroll as witnesses. First they lived at Highland, then Montfort, then Ontario where the children were born after which they moved near Mosinee on section 34, in Marathon Co.

Children: Both tall and blond.

1. GLADYS—May 5, 1917. Married Roman Gorski on Feb. 6, 1937 at Mosinee. Rev. Cysewski officiated and the following were witnesses: Stanley Zalewski, Mary Wakmonski, Clarence Kroll and Haline Gralewicz. Their blond son, Gene S. was born Oct. 30,

1937 in Milwaukee but they returned to Mosinee soon afterwards. Roman's parents, Zygmund Gorski, b. Aug. 8, 1883, and Boleslawa Ziolkowski, Jan. 1, 1874 — July 30, 1936, were born in Poland and settled on a farm near Mosinee, Wis.

2. CLARENCE—Feb. 15, 1919, Farming.

THE CLARA KROLL-HENRY RICHGELS FAMILY

Clara and Henry were married on May 11, 1915 at Highland by Rev. Biersner with Octavia Kroll and Urban Richgels as witnesses. They have always lived on the John Kroll farm. Henry, tall, curly-haired, brunet, was born on Aug. 14, 1894 at Dry Bone, Wis. His parents were Kate Bunzel who died Sep. 28, 1928 at 56 yrs., and Anton Richgels who died Oct. 19, 1928 at 61 yrs., and his grandparents were Christina (Catherine?) Wehling and Henry Richgels, and Johanna Witsick (Witzic) who was born in Poland and died Aug. 17, 1887, and John Bunzel who was also born in Poland and died July 28, 1907.

Children: All born in Town of Castle Rock, Grant Co. H. S. education.

1. MADALEN—Jan. 29, 1917, 5 ft., 11, 164 lbs. brunet. Works at Old Soldiers' Home near Madison.

2 & 3. MARION and MELVIN—July 25, 1918, both 6 ft.3 190 lbs. blue e. brown h. Both apprenticed to cheesemakers.

4. ELAINE—Aug. 29, 1922, 5 ft.7, 150 lbs. blond. Works in Madison.

5. HARVEY—Apr. 14, 1924, 5 ft.11, 165 lbs. brunet H. S. Jr.

6. JOYCE ANNE—Apr. 21, 1926, 5 ft.6 120 lbs. blond. H. S. Fr.

THE OCTAVIA KROLL-ROLAND FELTON FAMILY

Roland married Octavia Nov. 8, 1934 at Belvidere, Ill. with Justice of Peace, Wm. Bowley, officiating. They have lived in Madison from that time on.

Roland's parents were Bertha Elder who was born in Town of Ridgewood, Aug. 3, 1883 and died at Madison, Feb. 29, 1928, and Oliver H. Felton, born at Marion, Ind. Mar. 4, 1873 and died at Madison, Jan. 1929. His mother's parents were Rev. Wm. Elder and Mary Wheaton of Ohio; his father's, Margaret Kelley, of Cincinnati, O. and Charles Felton of Marion, Ind., a Civil War Veteran. His siblings are Henry Edgar, d.i.; Violet Bloom Wahlert, Sept. 6, 1903, lives in Columbus, O.; Leon, July 11, 1907, Madison, Wis.; and Donald, Mar. 10, 1918, lives with Violet.

Children:

1. JOHNANN BERTHA—Aug. 3, 1935, blond.

**THE GERTRUDE PIERICK-ANTHONY NONDORF-
HENRY ALBRECHT FAMILY**

Anthony, who simplified his name when he took out his papers, was born on a farm near Klein Reken, Germany. He and his 8 brothers had all served in the army. A photograph of the youngest, Bernard, states that he was No. 53 in the army at Munster under Prinz Friedrich Karl. He may have been a grandson or relative of Friedrich Aug. Jos. Xaver v.N. who was born in Heilsdorf, Sachsen Aug. 3, 1749. He was in the Husaren Regiment until Dec. 30, 1801 when he was made Fieldmarshall-Lieutenant (of the Troop?). The record stated that they did not know if there were male descendants. When Anthony came to America he apparently stayed at Kroll's until his marriage to Gertrude about 1880 in Highland performed by Fr. Rademacher. He was about 5 ft. 9, 175 lbs. and had dark brown hair and eyes. She was blond, about 5 ft. 4, 125 lbs. and pert and stylish. For nearly 10 years, he ran a saloon at Dry Bone in the mining district, after which they moved to a five acre piece of land 1 mile south of Highland. In 1895 he had a cold but insisted on going to church. He consequently developed pneumonia and died at 9 A.M. on Mar. 19, 1894. Children:

1. CHRISTINE II.—Mar. 18, 1881 average h., blond, m. Anthony Kroll II.
2. GERTRUDE KATHERINE—Dec. 5, 1887, 5 ft. 8, brunet, m.—Henry Kroll
3. ANTHONY FRANK—Dec. 6, 1891, 6 ft. 1, brunet, m. Anna Lincheid.
4. BERNARD 'BEN'—Feb. 5, 1894, 6 ft. 1, 180 lbs. blond, m. E. Schauf

Later Gertrude married Henry Albrecht who was born in Hanover, September 24, 1868 and abandoned by his mother at his grandparents when he was young. His Uncle John Albrecht sent for him to come to America when he was 20. John, who married Christine Boncamp and whose children were Henry, Joe, Mary and Christine, named after Christine Nondorf II (Kroll) who worked there at the time, later moved to Illinois. Henry was 5 ft. 6, 145 lbs. and had blue eyes and dark hair. They moved to a farm N. W. of Clyde on Otter Creek in October, 1905 where they still live.

5. JOSEPH—June 30, 1895, tall, blue e. dark h. m. Anna Willman
6. WILLIAM—Nov. 28, 1898, tall, blue e., dark h. m. Gertrude Wacker
7. HILDEGARDE—July 18, 1901, 5 ft. 8, blue e. black h., m. Carl Hing
8. ELIZABETH—Jan. 28, 1904, d. 1904
9. HENRY PATRICK—April 6, 1907, d. 1908.

THE CHRISTINE NONDORF II-ANTHONY KROLL II. FAMILY

Christine and Anthony were married in Highland, July 17, 1900 by Rev. F. Wambold. Herman Pierick and Kate Kreul were witnesses. They lived about 3 miles from Highland until 1914 when they sold their place to Oliver Richter and moved to a ridge farm on section 2, near Cashton, Wis., on March 19. Shiefers had built the

large house on that farm after which, one of their daughters married Mr. Hauck who added to the house and reared their large family there before Anthony Kroll bought it. Tschernacks built the little house on the 160 acre valley farm adjoining it and sold to Henry Kroll about the same time. Both Haucks and Tschernacks moved north near Rice Lake. Seven years later, Henry Kroll sold to Paynes from Weyerheuser who sold to Miss Wyatt. (See p. 17)

Children: All blonde and average size except William.

1. ALPHONSE HENRY—1901, runs a trucking business
2. GERTRUDE MARCELLA—June 27, 1903, worked at the Telephone Co. in Milwaukee. She married Harvey Otterson, convert, tall, blue eyes, dark hair and has 2 blonde sons, Norbert, June 8, 1929 and Roland, Dec. 24, 1934
3. RUEBEN—1905, died June 1921, 2 weeks after a serious burn
4. EVERETT ANTHONY—1908, works on the farm
5. RALPH—1910. Died during adolescence
6. LEONA MARY—1912. She did stenographic work and worked at the hospital at Davenport, Ia. She married Ray Hunk, solidly built, red hair, blue eyes of Trowbridge, Ill., on June 7, 1934 at St. Mary's Ridge. Fr. Fladd performed the ceremony and Everett and Marie Kroll were witnesses. Their children are: Ramona Mary, Sept. 3, 1935, blonde, 38 lbs.; Le Roy James, Dec. 10, 1936, blonde 36 lbs.; and Gerald Wayne, Jan. 19, 1939, dark red hair, blue eyes, 24 lbs. Ray's parents were Mary Ellen Rotterman and John W. Hunk; paternal grandparents, Elizabeth Coulter and John Hunk; and maternal grandparents, Mary Pfeifer and Frank Rotterman.
7. MARIE CECELIA—1918. She did hospital work and studied beauty culture in Milwaukee.
8. SON—1920. Died in infancy
9. WILLIAM ANTHONY—1922. Tall
10. ERVIN JOSEPH—1924
11. DOROTHY—1928

THE GERTRUDE NONDORF-HENRY KROLL FAMILY—See P. 17

THE ANNA LINCHIED-ANTHONY NONDORF FAMILY

Anthony and brunet Anna were married on April 23, 1918 at St. John's at Muscoda by Rev. A. A. Kolar with Bernard Nondorf and Alma Lincheid as witnesses. They moved from Clyde to Muscoda on a rich farm in the Wisconsin River Valley in February 1919 and then to Highland in March, 1925. Anna is the daughter of Jacob Lincheid, born Nov. 2, 1859 in Germany and died November 29, 1928 from cancer at Muscoda, and Catherine Hying, born October 2, 1868 at Highland. Her older sister is Josephine Dvorak and the younger members of her family are Mayme Kukurka, Jack, Albert, Alma Bonkamp (related to Mrs. John Albrecht), Paul, Carl, and

Gertrude Jansen. Jacob's father was John Lincheid, born and died in Germany, and his mother, Kate Scheid, born in Germany and died in Highland, March 1891. Catherine's parents were Bernard Hying, born in 1827 in Germany and died August 11, 1913 in Muscoda, and Gertrude Sladbohm, born in Germany in 1849 and died in Highland of childbirth in 1874.

Children:

1. FLORENCE CATHERINE—March 23, 1919, 5 ft. 9, 140 lbs., brunet
2. FLOYD, her twin, died in infancy.
3. RAYMOND JACOB—May 6, 1921, 5 ft. 10, 155 lbs., brown eyes, blonde hair
4. JOSEPH ANTHONY—May 2, 1923 5 ft. 10, 140 lbs., brunet
5. ANNA MAE—May 17, 1927, 5 ft. 2, 110 lbs., brunet

THE ELIZABETH SCHAUF-BERNARD NONDORF FAMILY

Elizabeth was the fourth child in a family of 8 whose names are Mary Vondran, Hubert, Agnes Nee, Eva Katell, Josephine Higgins, Bertha Higgins and William Schauf. She was born April 13, 1894 and is dark and medium sized. Her father, Michael J. Schauf was born in Gless, Germany, July 5, 1853 and died May 11, 1913. Her mother, Christina Ruetten was born at Slinsteden, Germany, November 19, 1860 and died January 29, 1938. Her grandparents were Walburga Herrigar and William Schauf and Catherine and Hubert Ruetten. Elizabeth and Bernard were married on August 19, 1919 at Richland Center by Rev. Bernard H. McKevitt and have lived on a farm near Clyde and Muscoda ever since. Children:

1. BERNADINE AGNES—July 6, 1920, blond, attends normal school.
2. HERBERT ANTHONY—Nov. 15, 1922, blond
3. DONALD FREDERICK—June 20, 1923, blond
4. ROBERT JOHN—July 17, 1924, brunet
5. MARIE ANTOINETTE—March 5, 1926, brunet
6. FRANCIS BERNARD—July 3, 1927, brunet
7. MICHAEL—January 12-14, 1929 d. i.
8. JOHN—June 23, 1931, died the same day
9. IRENE ELIZABETH—Dec. 25, 1933, blond
10. LORRAINE ANN—Nov. 17, 1938, blond

THE ANNA WILLMAN-JOSEPH ALBRECHT FAMILY

Joseph and Anna were married by Fr. Kaiser at St. Mary's Ridge on April 9, 1918 with William Albrecht and Emma Willman as witnesses. They lived in Monroe Co. until Feb. 20, 1929 when they moved to Clyde. Anna is the oldest of 6, namely: Ferdinand, Emma Gerrert, Anthony, Mary Chronney and Rosa Hoffman. Her

parents were Albert Willman, born at St. Mary's March 4, 1865, died March 22, 1935 and Gertrude Ewald. Her paternal grandparents were Ferdinand Willman born in Baden Germany, August 12, 1827 and died July 17, 1915, and Anna Rush, born May 24, 1831 and died September 15, 1914, also from Baden. Her maternal grandparents, Anton Ewald, born in 1827, was 7 years younger than his wife, Anna Birkman, born April 16, 1836 and died Aug. 28, 1914. Both were from Hosfelt, Germany.

Children: All have light brown hair. Their mother is small and brown eyed.

1. EDWARD ANTON—May 9, 1919, 5 ft. 11½, 135 lbs. blue-e
2. NORBERT JOSEPH—June 11, 1926, 5 ft. 4½, 95 lbs., brown-e
3. ANITA GERTRUDE—July 14, 1930, 4 ft. 2, 58 lbs. brown-e
4. ALFRED HENRY—July 14, 1933, 4 ft. 6, 46 lbs. brown-e

THE GERTRUDE WACKER-WILLIAM ALBRECHT FAMILY

Gertrude Wacker was the oldest child of Louis Wacker (150 lbs., dark, medium height) who was born at St. Mary's Ridge on July 24, 1873 and Mary Ewald (185 lbs., light) obviously a younger sister of the mother of Anna Willman Albrecht, who was born there on November 7, 1878. The other siblings' present names are Anthony, Herman, Anna Kotten, Rosina Butzler, Mary Kotten, Catherine Luieck, and Veronica Schroeder. Louis Wacker's parents were Herman Wacker of Cologne, Germany, and Gertrude Stravelt of Munster. Mary Ewald's parents were Anthony and Anna Ewald from Hosfelt, Germany. Gertrude and William were married at St. Mary's Ridge on November 22, 1921 by Father Thill with Anthony Wacker and Hildegarde Albrecht as witnesses. They resided both in Monroe and in Iowa Counties.

1. WILMA MARIE—August 7, 1922, 5 ft. 5, 114 lbs., blue eyes, light brown hair, high school, sewing

THE HILDEGARDE ALBRECHT-CARL HING FAMILY

Carl Hing (shortened from Hying), tall and blonde, was one of the 5 children of John Hying born at Highland in 1869 and died at Muscoda of cancer in 1938, and Catherine Kisting, born at Highland in 1866 and died of apoplexy in Muscoda in 1923. The other children are Clara (Carl's twin, dead) George, Raymond and John, a half brother much younger. His grandparents were Bernard and Mary Hying and Bernard and Lizzie Kisting. Fr. Kenney married Carl and Hilda on May 27, 1924 at Avoca with Gertrude Kroll and George Hing as witnesses. The couple moved to an attractive farm among the hills near Muscoda on November 2, that year. Children:

1. JOHN HENRY—Aug. 2, 1926, died the same day
2. MARY ALICE—Dec. 17, 1929, 4 ft. 11, 82 lbs., blue eyes, light brown hair.

Note:—Space is left at the end of this booklet for each family to make additions to the history of their ancestors and to record the coming generations. Discrepancies or omissions due to lack of records or insufficient data should also be noted here to avoid passing on any incorrect statement to the next generation.

